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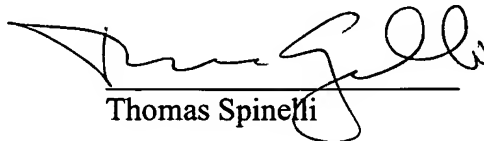
Sir:

Pursuant to the election requirement imposed in the Official Action dated March 14, 2005, Applicants elect the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-29, 33 and 34 and the claims of Species XIII, i.e., claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 11, 15-19, and 21-24 for continued prosecution herein.

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